

ABSTRACT

The bachelor work focuses on historical evolution of specialized nurse practitioners in pediatrics – from general caretakers to the origins of pediatric nurse as an independent profession. The work presents necessary preparations, working conditions and responsibilities and how they changed throughout the times.

The main aim of the work titled „Historie osetrovatelských pracovníků v pediatrii” was to map the evolution of nurse practitioners from the beginning to the present state, to overview the chief influences that formed the profession and last but not least, to present the current state of pediatric (or children’s) nurse in the Czech republic and stress her importance in the field of specific nurse practice.

Methods and Objective: The bachelor work is mainly theoretical as the method used was historical research in conjunction with literature review. Furthermore, the analysis was performed on the contents of historical and current literature and legislation, archives and the results from the literature reviews. The correct interpretation and transformation of the results into the self-contained scientific study was the assignment as well as the aim of this bachelor work.

The work focuses on defining the basic terminology (such as pediatrics, nursing in pediatrics), historical aspect of pediatric nursing and its advancements and notes historically significant themes – laic and charity nursing, early maternity hospitals and midwifery. Other sections deal with problematics of nursing children in the last century and educational progress of pediatric nurses.

Results: There are several topics that are addressed in the work – a solid overview of evolution of pediatric nursing, noteworthy profession advancements in the last century and the comparison to the present state where pediatric nurses are more of an antique term of nurse practice within the historical context.

Conclusion: The ending sections Discussion and Conclusion comment and recapitulate the whole topic.

Contribution: Improvement of theoretical knowledge applicable in daily practice.

Key words: pediatric nurse, history of pediatrics, pediatric nursing, education, maternity hospital, midwifery

